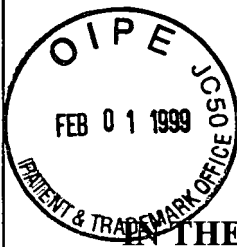


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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO
FILE RESPONSE AND FEE AUTHORIZATION**

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants respectfully petition the Commissioner for a three-month extension of time to file a response to the outstanding Office Action dated September 28, 1998. This Petition and the accompanying Election and Response to Restriction Requirement are being filed within three months of the shortened statutory period.

Kindly charge the fee, estimated to be \$475.00, and any deficiencies, to the undersigned attorneys' Deposit Account No. 19-4709. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Early and favorable action on the merits of the elected embodiment is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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